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Assistant Commissioner for Patents **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in Application No. 09/204,436 filed December 3, 1998 (the "'436 Application"), the parent of the above-referenced divisional application. Copies of the documents should be available in the '436 Application under 37 CFR 1.98(d).

REMARKS

Each of the listed Japanese documents, other than Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 62-221228, was cited in a Japanese Official Action of a counterpart foreign patent application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The Official Action was dated December 8, 1998. A translation of the Official Action was filed with the Second Information Disclosure Statement dated February 15, 2000, in the '436 Application. The documents cited in the Official Action may be pertinent for the reasons noted therein.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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